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Training of Defence Personnel
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has provided training to defence personnel of foreign countries during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the nature of programmes and the duration of such courses during the said period;

(c) the expenditure involved in said programmes and the number of Indian officers, personnel and divisions involved in such training;

(d) whether foreign nations are training Indian Defence Forces over the last three years and the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for selecting Indian officers for foreign trainings?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Large number of training programmes are organized for or attended by defence personnel of friendly foreign countries. These are conducted at various training institutions of the Armed Forces including National Defence Academy, Indian Military Academy, National Defence College etc. The duration of such courses varies from programme to programme. The number of officers trained during the last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure-A.

(c) The allocation of fund for such training under the India Economic & Technical Cooperation (ITEC) Programme during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year Allocation
(Rs. in Crores)

2012-13 120.00
2013-14 140.00
2014-15 155.00
2015-16 180.00

Trainings are conducted at various training institutions of the Defence Forces with the available infrastructure and manpower.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The details of Indian defence forces personnel trained by foreign nations are enclosed at Annexure-B.

There is a laid down Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for selection of personnel of the Indian Defence Forces for foreign trainings based on merit and professional requirements.

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